(b) Government has issued guidelines on distribution of soda ash in July, 1985 and had been monitoring supply of soda ash according to these only.

(c) Some complaints were received by the Government.

(d) to (f) The All India Silicate Manufacturers' Association had informed the Government that M/s. Tata Chemicals had shown favouritism in allotting soda ash. According to the concerned company, however, the discrepancies pointed out related to the periods prior to the issuance of guidelines, by the Government, for the supply of soda ash. This position was made known to the said Association.

Out-of-turn allotment of telephone connections

6. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 2nd April, 1986 to the effect that about 1900 letters have been sent by Members of Parliment for the sanction of out-of-turn telephone connections on priority basis in the year 1985-86 and out of which only 157 connections have been sanctioned by Government so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not granting telephone connections to the rest of the subscribers whose cases have been recommended by Members of Parliament; and

(c) by when the rest of the connections are proposed to be released, areawise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reason is constraints on availability of exchange capacity.

(c) The rest of the connections will be provided when their turn in the waiting list of the concerned telephone exchange matures.

Releasing new telephone connections

7. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections in the general category which are likely to be released during the year 1986 from Janpath and Rajpath Telephone Exchanges; and

(b) by when these connections are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) New telephone connections are not expected to be released in 'General' category in Janpath and Rajpath telephone exchanges in Delhi in 1986.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Production of Chloroquin Tablets

8. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies who are producing Chloroquin tablets, an anti-malarial drug;

(b) what is the licenced capacity of each and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what was the shortfall between the production and requirement year-wise; and

(d) what was the quantity of this drug imported during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Names of major producers of Chloroquine Tablets are given below:—.

1. Bayer India Ltd.
2. Bengal Immunity Co. Ltd.
3. Ranbaxy Labs. Ltd.
4. IPCA Labs. Pvt. Ltd.
5. May and Baker India Ltd.

(b) Production of formulations is not monitored by my Ministry. There has, however been no shortage of Chloroquine Tablets.

(c) and (d) Production of imports of the bulk drug Chloroquine and its salts are as follows:—

Year	Quantity of Chloroquine Phosphate Produced (tonnes)	Quantity of Chloroquine and its salts imported (tonnes)
1982-83. . .	79·68	198·25
1983-84. . .	123·46	19·48
1984-85 . .	149·64	100·22

Demand of Casual Workers of P & T Department

9. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the agitation by the National Federation of P & T employees demanding regularisation of casual labour, reservation of trained pool, implementation of the Supreme Court's Judgement on equal pay for equal work and the regularisation of daily rated employees; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far in response to the various demands of the P & T employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Telecom.*: These demands were discussed in a Joint meeting between the representatives of NFP&TE & its affiliated Unions and the Administration and an agreement was arrived of Necessary orders have been issued in fulfilment of the items of agreement.

Postal : Regularisation of casual labourers is being done according to the prescribed guidelines uniformally applicable to all Government Departments. Implementation of the Judgement of the Supreme Court on equal pay for equal work is under consideration of the Central Government. It is not possible for the Department of Posts to take any decision in isolation. However in the Department of Posts there is no separate reserved quota of appointment for the Reserve Trained Pool candidates. There are also no separate categories of employees called "daily rated empolyees".

Foreign Brand names

10. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tha. Government have taken a decision that no foreign brand name will be allowed to be used for colour and black and white television sets;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a decision

(c) what are the reasons that such a policy is not applicable to all goods manufactured and to be sold in India; and